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1. MRS. GAARE ARRIVED LONDON MAY 20 AND IS STAYING AT THE ROSE COURT HOTEL. EMBASSY OFFICER SPOKE WITH FIRST SECRETARY SAYED ABDEL MUKHTAR OF SUDANESE EMBASSY INFORMING HIM THAT MRS. GAARE WOULD BE CALLING TO APPLY FOR VISA AND EXPLAINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES. WHEN MRS. GAARE REACHED THE EMBASSY, HOWEVER. SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO PURSUE HER APPLICATION. NO ONE IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY WAS AVAILABLE TO HELP AND NO ONE APPARENTLY KNEW THAT MRS. GAARE WOULD BE CALLING. MOREOVER, A SIGN AT THE EMBASSY STATED THAT THE CONSULAR SECTION WOULD BE CLOSED UNTIL MAY 28 (EMBASSY OFFICER WAS NOT INFORMED OF THIS DURING PHONE CALL). MRS. GAARE RETURNED TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, AND WE HAVE SINCE TRIED TO CONTACT VARIOUS OFFICIALS AT SUDANESE EMBASSY WITH NO SUCCESS. MRS. GAARE BELIEVES THE SUDANESE HERE ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH AN IMPORTANT VISITOR (MANY OFFICIALS WERE APPARENTLY AT THE AIRPORT), BUT SHE ALSO SENSED A BIT OF RUN-AROUND.

2. WE WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO EXPEDITE THE VISA APPLICATION AND KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED OF MRS. GAARE'S PROGRESS.

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